Sl. No.	Mission	Country and Duration	Indian Contribution	No. of troops
33.	UNMEE	Ethiopia Eritrea (2001 till date)	Tps, UNMOs and SOs	5437
34.	MONUC	Democratic Republic of Congo (1999 till date)	UNMOs, Aviation Unit, Gd Coy	444
35.	UNMA	Angola (2002 till date)	LOs	02
36.	UNGCI	Iraq (2000 till date)	Gd Cdr	02
37.	MONUIC	Ivory Cost (2003 till date)	Liaison Offr	01
			TOTAL :	67,762

* India has participated in 37 UN missions (including three police missions) with 67,762 personnel.

Indo-China Joint Working Group

†2654. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint working group was constituted in the year 1998 to resolve the disputes between India and China;

(b) if so, the number of meetings held so far of the said group;

(c) the details of various disputes discussed in these meetings; and

(d) whether any of them has been sorted out, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (d) The India-China Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Boundary Question was constituted in 1988. It has met 14 times. The 14th meeting of the JWG was held in New Delhi on 21st November, 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. They signed an agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China Border Areas in 1993 and a second agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas in 1996. These two Agreements provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas. The process of clarification of the LAC has started within existing mechanisms. Maps of the LAC in the Middle Sector have been exchanged. Discussions have commenced on clarification of the LAC in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary.

During the 14th meeting of the JWG, both sides reviewed the ongoing process of LAC clarification. They also continued discussions on further confidence Building Measures. Both sides agreed, *inter alia*, on the need to substantially enhance trade and economic relations, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides also reviewed the functioning of the existing dialogue mechanisms, such as on counter terrorism and security, and agreed to establish a dialogue mechanism between the two Foreign Offices on policy planning . Regional and international issues were also discussed.

Functioning of P.F. Commissioner

2655. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Provident Fund Commissioner's office in Varanasi deprives pensions to the widows of its own employees;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to bring to book such acts of negligence and callousness;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against the culprits who are delaying payments of pensions on such a manner all over the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(e) to (d) Does not arise.